

# The *Soundoff*



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## LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

*By  
Bill Chapman*

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each character in the message with a letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular character occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. Word spacing and punctuation are not changed.

Some people like to solve cryptograms much like some people like to do crossword puzzles. The cryptogram is solved by looking for frequently used characters and clues provided by letter patterns and word spacing. Solve the cryptogram shown below, find LuLu's bling and bring it to the next regular Eureka! meeting to collect a prize.

SNDX IDPZB QWPSN WH QRTMN YDSSYA YLYLCAYYA  
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CWLYZAT XNA QRPRKAZ SW YWXA NAT PAI CYDPK.

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## About Eureka!

Eureka! is a Denver-based, Colorado nonprofit organization established in 1973 for the enjoyment of metal detecting, electronic prospecting and treasure hunting. Its purpose is to provide an educational and social forum of mutual benefit for members. Eureka! holds a monthly meeting and conducts various special presentations, hunts and seminars. Members have voting privileges. Membership includes access to all general meetings, selected seminars and outings. Annual dues run April to March and are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for Junior membership. Pro-rating of dues are done for new members joining the club after the April 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado. Come early to socialize.

**Next Club Meeting**  
**2nd Friday of April, 7:30**  
at the  
**Clement Community Center**  
1580 Yarrow Street  
(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)  
Lakewood, Colorado 80214  
**Hotline: (303) 595-5448**  
**www.eurekathc.org**

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Drawing tickets are \$1 each, take a chance.

## Joining Eureka! Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to:

[Eurekathc.org](http://Eurekathc.org)

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

Renewals due in April.



T-shirts and caps and pins with the Eureka! logo are available. Metal detector lapel pins - \$2.00, Eureka! window decals - \$1.00, water bottles - \$5.00 and Eureka! patches - \$3.00.

## TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
- I WILL leave gates as found.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- I WILL NOT litter.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.



# BUNNY HUNT

APRIL 23RD  
MAJESTIC VIEW PARK  
8998 W. 72ND AVENUE

There will be special tokens with numbers on them for what the Easter Bunny left behind. You never know what is inside of an egg!

Cost will be \$20 per person, Members only.

Let's have a Potluck starting at 12, and the Hunt at 1.

If the weather is not cooperating we will do this on the following week on the 30th.

**DON'T BE EGG-CLUDED, SIGN UP FOR THE FUN!**

Gold, Silver, Indian Heads, Buffalo Nickels, and a couple of special things.

Contact: Fran Espinosa 720 202-5101

If questionable weather, call the Eureka! Hotline at 303-595-5448.



# In-Town Hunt Information

In-Town club hunts are meant to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you need to:

- Schedule with the Hunt Coordinator or President (see the contact list).
- Provide the Hunt Coordinator a plan.
- Send the hunt flyer to the newsletter editor in an appropriate format for insertion into the newsletter (see the contact list).
- Provide flyers at the monthly meeting.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- Decide if the hunt is a members only or an open hunt (non-members may hunt).
- Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best impression

of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, MUST enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash must be worn and used at all times during the hunt.
2. All hunters must wear headphones.
3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open (a first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt).
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash of any sort on the hunt field will receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Hunt Coordinator (see the contact list) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

Hunts may be paid for in advance. This helps the hunt master with planning for how much should be planted in the field. In case a person must miss the hunt, their prepaid fee may be refunded if they call the hunt master before the hunt and cancel, other circumstances will be reviewed. No refund will be given for just plain failure to show up to the hunt.

**Westminster** requires a permit to metal detect in their city. It will be good for a year.  
See Connie at the lower level of City Hall.  
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs from 7:00am to 6:00pm.  
Please follow the City's guidelines and show that we, as detectorist, are a responsible group.

# Prez Sez

By  
Chris Davis



April showers brings Spring flowers? Well, maybe. Maybe not. April will probably bring a blizzard. Never-the-less, Spring and Summer are coming and will be here shortly. Inclement weather is an ideal time to do research, clean up and repair your gear, make new acquisitions (buy more stuff). It is also a great time to organize all those valuable finds you made over the previous year. Periodically, I have to sift thru all my baggies of “treasures” and organize them. Gold-N-Detectors has some great display boxes.

I hunted fairly hard in 2016 and had a good year. I spent 414 hours metal detecting, during which I found 6,574 coins, amounting to \$602.87. (But who is counting.) Let us look a bit closer at these figures. The Minimum Wage in Colorado \$8.31/hr. I averaged finding \$1.44/hr. metal detecting. So, had I worked the 414 hours at Minimum Wage, I would have made \$3,440.34, rather than the \$602 I made metal detecting. Never said I was smart. Like I always say, I am just a big kid looking for Easter Eggs. However, I also picked up 103.5 rings (5 gold, 17 silver). (Yeah, I only got half of one ring.) This ring number still falls well short of John Hinton’s record of 128 in one year. Well, maybe I can catch him this year. Not likely, but it is a goal.

One of the things I like best about Eureka! meetings is the Find of the Month (FOM) table. Our members find and bring in some truly interesting items. Often, we may not know what the item is, but with our membership’s wide range of knowledge, someone in the room probably does know what it is. One of my first finds upon moving up to Colorado was what appeared to be a mis-shapen rock I dug up at Clement Park. Only it was magnetic, and after cleaning up, had a white coating. Didn’t have a clue what it was. I took it to one of my first Eureka! meetings, and sho-nuff, Bill Chapman identified it as a magnet used by prospectors to draw off the black sand. It was definitely a new one on me. And I did not even know prospecting was big at Clement Park. Live and learn.

Some folks only enter items they believe will win a particular FOM category. If I have an interesting object, I put it out there for people to see. Winning a whole

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silver dime is nice, but it is not the primary object. Also, if winning is the sole object, one would enter only one item. Entering multiple items may split the vote between two of your items, resulting in neither winning. I, personally, regularly enter multiple items. To me, the object is to let people see interesting items. If I win, great. If not, I can always go back to my lucrative day job as a greeter at Walmart.

Get out there and hunt! I discovered a long time ago, persistence pays. I never claimed to be good, but I am persistent. You do not have to have the best machine. You do not even have to be any good, I am living proof of that. If you swing the coil long enough, you will get better, and sooner or later, you will strike pay dirt. It is a matter of statistical probability.

## What is it?

At last month's meeting, Chris Davis brought in an odd item recovered at a turn-of-the-century home scrape-off in Denver. The object was made of copper, 2 inches long and just under a half inch wide. It was threaded inside on one end, and rounded on the other. What is it?



Two separate members of our club identified it as a tire valve stem cover off a Ford, Model T vehicle.

If you have an item you cannot identify, bring it to the meeting. Someone will probably know what it is.

### FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

**Gold:** natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

**Jewelry:** objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the Gold Category.

**Coin:** a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money.

**Token:** a piece resembling a coin issued by some person or entity, not of a governmental authority (with the exception of tax tokens), that could be redeemed for services or specified items. Advertisement tokens with no redeemable value are entered in the Artifact Category.

**Artifact:** simple object showing human workmanship or modification, and all other items that do not meet the criteria for other categories.

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**GOLD CATEGORY**

Chris Davis...8K Women's Ring, 14K White Gold Men's Wedding Ring, 14K Necklace Chain  
 Glenn Thompson..... 14K White Gold Men's Wedding Ring  
 Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 10K Ring with 8 Diamonds  
 Vince DiPrimo ..... 14K Men's Wedding Ring  
 Tonette Romero ..... 10K Men's Wedding Ring  
 Jan Hallez ..... 14K Baptism Medal  
 Diane Dengah ..... 10K Hummingbird Black Hills Gold Ring  
**Roy Neys..... 3 Ring Wedding Set**

**JEWELRY CATEGORY**

Chris Davis.....Silver Men's Wedding Ring, Heart Ring, Costume Ring, Lady Bug Bracelet, Silver Turtle Ring  
 Glen Thompson.....Silver Turquoise Ring  
 Brian Henry ..... "Mark" Pendant  
 Cindy Bockenstedt ..... Silver Bracelet  
 Chuck Hedberg .Sterling Street Car Pin, SS Reward Lapel Pin, Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway Centennial Lapel Pin  
 Vince DiPrimo ..... Copper Ring  
 Marilyn DiPrimo..... Tungsten Men's Ring  
 Sue Ruggles ..... Silver Hearts Bracelet  
 Alan Bravo ..... Grim Reaper Ring  
**Chris Davis ..... Silver Ring**

**COIN CATEGORY**

Chris Davis..... 1945 D Mercury Dime  
 Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1887 Indian Head Cent  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... 1912 S Barber Quarter  
 Brian Henry ..... Shot 1919 Wheat Cent  
 Jane Reed ..... 1958 D Washington Quarter  
 Marilyn DiPrimo..... 1960 D Error Lincoln Cent  
 Norm Ruggles ..... 1972 Zambia 50 Ngwee  
 Joe Johnston.....2001 Mexican \$10 Peso  
**Linda Erickson ..... 1866 Shield Nickel with Rays**

**TOKEN CATEGORY**

Chris Davis..... Amusement  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... Colorado Sales Tax / 2  
**Brian Henry ..... Chief Terminal, Cheyenne, Wyo. / Good For 1 Cup of Coffee**

**ARTIFACT CATEGORY**

Linda Erickson..... "1 Pennyweight" Weight  
 Brian Henry ..... Brass Icebox Hinge, Brass Plate with Rose,.22 Peters Casing  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... Steam Locomotive Button, Bass Tag with Mining Pick, Pompeian Massage Cream Sample Lid  
 Pat Lucero..... Radiologic Society 1oz Silver Round  
 Alan Bravo ..... Colorado State Seal Button  
 Jeff Lubbert ..... Williams Cleaner Bullet  
 Marilyn DiPrimo..... Cub Scouts Tiger Cub Neck Slide  
 Tonette Romero ..... Hem Weight  
 Ken Martin..... Native American Grind Stone  
 Joe Johnston.....Angel Medallion  
**Cindy Bockenstedt..... Horseshoe House Baggage Tag**



# Find of the Month Winners - March

JEWELRY - Chris Davis

## Silver and Opal Ring



Ken Harmon and Jack Hoover were out with Chris detecting a soccer field. Chris walked over to Ken, who was digging a target, to let him know he was leaving and got a 'hit' next to Ken's foot and turned up this ring. Chris was exercising his XP Deus with a 13" coil.

TOKEN - Brian Henry

## Chief Terminal, Cheyenne, Wyo.

This token reads Good For 1 Cup of Coffee at the Chief Terminal, located in Cheyenne, Wyo., West on U.S. 30. Brian found it with his XP Deus while hunting an old town site.



ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt

## Horseshoe House Baggage Tag



Digging five inches down in a trashy area of a Denver house scrap off, Cindy got an iffy signal and turned up this tag. She was hunting with a small coil on her White's MXT.

GOLD - Roy Neyes

## Gold Wedding Set

Roy put his Big Foot coil on his White's DFX300 and while detecting, got some solid repeatable signals (all trash) in a tight area. The two 10K bands came up like pull tabs and were only a 1/2 inch deep. The 14K wedding band was an inch deeper.



COIN - Linda Erickson

## 1866 Shield Nickel with Rays



Linda was hunting in an area she had hunted for years and this was the first coin she has found there. It was about 4 inches deep. Linda was using her Teknetic's T2 with a DD coil.

# Upcoming Events

## NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

[Nametags](#) ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions.

[Cash](#) ~ for drawings, hunts, hats...

[Finds](#) ~ to show.

[Answers](#) ~ to puzzles.

[Ideas](#) ~ for speakers, fun outings.

[Snacks](#) ~ as always, treats for the snack table are appreciated.

[Membership Renewal Form and Payment](#)

[Rush to the Rockies Application and Payment](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur, Fri, Sat, May 11-13, 2017

Denver Coin Expo

National Western Complex

\$5 entry, \$5 parking

Sat, June 17th, 2017, 9:00am, Free  
Western Mining Artifact Collectors  
Antique Show

Ouray Community Center

Ouray, CO 81427

Contact: Steve Rush 970 596-0824  
nevsmith@ridgwayco.net

Dealer Tables available

Sat, July 8th, 2017, 9:00am-4:00pm  
\$3 Admission

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado  
Show

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Kirk  
Hall, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Contact: Eric Grace 303 250-7498  
Dealer Tables available

## UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Apr 15th, 2017 (Saturday)

May 5th, 2017 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642 for  
place and time to meet or to get added  
to the email list.

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Bunny Hunt & Potluck

Potluck at 12:00pm, Hunt at 1:00pm

\$20, Members Only

Majestic View Park

Contact: Fran Espinosa 720 202-5101

Saturday, May 13, 2017

NASCAR Hunt

Hunt at 1:00pm, Bring a snack

\$20, Members Only

Bible Park (NE corner)

Contact: Alan Bravo 303 809-0784

## UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

April - Joe Fortunado

Detecting for Gold Nuggets

## LINKED WEB SITES

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

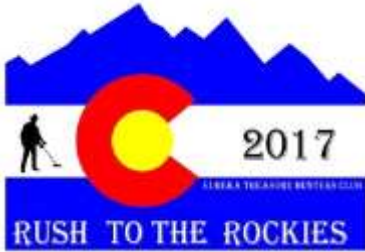
[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) Federation of Metal  
Detector & Archaeological Clubs

<http://www.relicroundup.blogspot.com>

Relic Roundup Radio show (hosted by  
Jeff Lubbert 7pm Mondays), and blog.

[TenaciousTreasureTracker.com](http://TenaciousTreasureTracker.com)

Hunt #8 started April 1, 2017.



## Rush to the Rockies July 21- 23 2017

The Rush to the Rockies flyer and entry form is available on our Eureka! club's website at [www.eurekathc.org](http://www.eurekathc.org). The event, to be held July 21-23, 2017 at Pickle Gulch Campground, (near Blackhawk, CO), will be limited to 85 participants. You can expect five spectacular hunts over the course of two days, a free kid's hunt, fireside chats for those staying the night, guest speakers, prizes and a lot of fun and camaraderie. You can join the fun for an entry fee of \$250. A flyer and entry form is also included in this issue.

### Update

By Linda Erickson

Three months and counting. We have over 60 hunters signed up and the prizes are still coming in. We have added two detectors to the prize list, along with some more excellent prizes for the Casino Hunt. We also received some nice door prizes and hunt targets from Lori Atencio, Chuck Hedberg, Boots and Laura Lewis, Linda Kibler, and Fran Espinosa. I apologize if I forgot anyone or put in an incorrect name, but I am sitting at the Dallas airport trying to get this to Cindy in time for the newsletter and I am in a bit of a fog after a long weekend of detecting. More about that in a separate article.

We are still buying large silver from club members. If you have not signed up and are interested in participating, I encourage you to sign up soon.

Mel King from Big Blue Wreck Salvage, who presented at our last meeting, donated a hammered silver shipwreck coin recovered from the 1715 Fleet that went down off the coast of Florida.



#### SELL YOUR SILVER

Eureka! is open to purchasing U.S. silver coins or gold from our members. Please contact Ron Erickson 720 633-1967 or Jeff Lubbert 303 618-5179.

White's Electronics in conjunction  
with Gold-N-Detectors presents:



<https://www.whiteselectronics.com/whites-easter-egg-hunt-2017/>



Your Easter Bunny  
Is  
Louise Smyth  
at



**Gold-N-Detectors**

802 Washington Ave, Golden, CO 80401

303-278-6622 Louise@goldendetectors.com

[www.goldendetectors.com](http://www.goldendetectors.com)

Find one of the five Easter Eggs  
to be entered to win:

MX Sport Detector or XVenture Detector or TRX Pinpointer  
Go to White's link for info and to Gold-N-Detectors link for clues

**Join The Fun**

# Shipwreck Hunt March 12 2017



Roman Merchant Ship

Shiver me timbers!



English Merchant Ship 1700s

Shipwreck treasure abounds!

By Sheri Muehlbauer

Sail ho! A mighty group of 37 pirates formed on the Berkeley Park shipwreck site. Before the hunt, the Cap'n and her first mate went over the rules of the hunt. Three prizes were awarded. Abe Espinoza won the silver S.S.



Gairsoppa shipwreck doubloon, Laurie Atencio went home with the Admiral Gardner shipwreck doubloon that be, and Linda Kibler won a Greek and Roman Doubloons book.



The flag of the Jolly Roger flew while the Pirates of Eureka! searched for buried treasure. Lots of items were found and many were from shipwrecks with no record. It appeared a good time was had by all.



Yarr! A special word of thanks to Boots Lewis for donating a Spyderco knife, and

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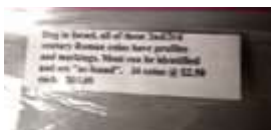
a fine band of doubloon planters (Jim and Cecilia Merrit, Bruce Morton, Alan Bravo, Chris Davis, and “Chuck-a-Luck” Hedberg). Thanks also to thee first mate Steve Muehlbauer.



A bit more about thee award Doubloons:

The S.S. Gairsoppa was an English merchant galleon from the early 1900s. She got drafted into World War II and valiantly served until she got torpedoed by a German U-Boat on her way to Ireland for refueling. She sank 15,000 feet into the ocean depths joined by the 85 men on board. In 2012, salvors obtained 48 tons of silver from the shipwreck and 1/4oz. commemorative coins were created.

The Admiral Gardner was an English merchant galleon in early 1800s. In 1809 she got trapped in a violent storm on her way to India. Everyone got off board before she sank into the icy waters. From one account, the captain lost his mind when the ship was losing its fight with the storm. He tried to cut anchor and cut off part of his hand. He died one day later. In 1985, salvors discovered a barrel of copper trade coins and they are currently available for sale at a variety of places.



# Eureka! Club Members Service Directory

If you are a Eureka! Member, you can put a business card sized advertisement here.



**ALAN BRAVO**  
REALTOR®

303-809-0784  
aabravo303@gmail.com  
www.yourcastle.org



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rlkibler@outlook.com

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Constructionservicesandsupply@gmail.com  
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## Creative Awards

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Customized Advertising Items

Brian Henry 303-451-6870



**J & T** lost treasure metal recovery

LET US FIND YOUR LOST RINGS AND THINGS

John Hinton  
303-619-4313

Tom Zawatski  
720-206-8671

# Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires



March 10, 2017

President Chris Davis called the Eureka! THC Club meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The officers and board members were introduced. There were 101 present including several guests and new members.

There will be a “meet and greet” for new members or anyone with questions at the end of the meeting tonight.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.



The guest speaker tonight is Mel King speaking on Spanish Shipwrecks. Thank you Mel.



Eureka! will buy gold and silver coins – minimum \$5 face value. Please set an appointment prior to Club meeting time. Contact any Board member to schedule.

## HUNT CANCELTION POLICY

Notify the Hunt Master by 9 AM the day of the hunt if you can't make the hunt and you have pre-paid.

### February Hunt – Steve Rex

Colorado School of Mines, Geology Museum February 12th, 2017

About 25 attended and a guide showed the group through and explained the displays and history.

### March Hunt – Sheri Muehlbauer

Shipwreck Hunt – Berkley Lake Park, March 12th, 1 PM \$15 per person

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### **April Hunt – Fran Espinosa**

Bunny Hunt – Majestic View Park, **April 23rd**, 12 Noon Potluck Lunch 1 PM Hunt  
\$20 Members only

### **LULUBELLE’S BLING – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman**

No one found the Bling this month.

Thank you Louise and Bill Chapman for sponsoring this hunt.

### **Breakfast Club**

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month.

Please come and join us to share stories, finds, have breakfast together and an unplanned hunt to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

This is a good opportunity for new members to meet and detect with some of our Club’s excellent detectorists.

See Chris Davis to sign up.

The next outing will be March 18th, weather permitting.



### **RUSH 2017 – July 21 – 23, 2017 Pickle Gulch, CO**

For Club members, **May 12th, 2017** is the final deadline to remit any registration balance and hold your spot on the RUSH roster.

Jeff Lubbert noted that registrations are a little over the halfway mark and that we are receiving nice prize donations.



**Membership dues for 2017-18 are due in April. Please pick up a membership application for your renewal. Dues are \$30, single membership and \$36, family membership.**

### **General Drawing Winners**

- 1972 Proof set – Steve Muehlbauer
- 1943 Nickle set (P, D & S) – Brian Henry
- 1945 Dos peso – Randy Williamson
- 1912 D V- nickel – Tom Peeples
- 1939 Walking liberty half – Linda Erickson
- Fremont Trading-Climax Co token – Jeff Mercer
- 1853 Large cent – Randy Williamson
- 1865 2 cent piece – Blaine Nelson
- 1912 Barber dime – John Olson
- 1865 Nickel 3 cent piece – Jeff Lubbert
- 1892 Barber quarter – Sue Ruggles
- 1836 Bust dime – Linda Erickson



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**Membership Drawing Winner – Louise Smyth**

**Holiday Drawing – Tom Lenahan**  
1887 O Morgan dollar



**RUSH 2017 50/50 Cash Drawing – Tom Lenahan**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance – “Walkie/Talkies” – Terry Weatherly**

**Finds of the Month Winners (must be a member to enter and vote)**

Gold category – Roy Neys

Coin category – Linda Erickson

Token category – Brian Henry

Artifact category – Cindy Bockenstedt

Jewelry category – Chis Davis

**REMINDERS:**

April – membership dues

May – RUSH registration balances are due for Club members

Thanks to everyone who brought food, everyone who assisted with the meeting tonight and everyone who donated prizes.



# Contact List

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## Gold Prices



## Silver Prices



### Eureka! Members Assist With Key Recovery

By Chris Davis

Eureka! members assisted with the recovery of a lost key last month. Win Faires, Ken Harmon, Jack Hoover and Chris Davis were out detecting on Cramer Park in Denver. They were approached by a young woman who lost her car key while playing with her dog. The crew spread out, and the key was recovered by Chris after a short search. The woman was delighted and very thankful.



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# The 333 Ring

By Chris Davis

I don't know about you, but I never heard of a 333 ring. It was a new one on me.

Last month I made a run out to the remote corner of a half drained "lake" (pond) in the Denver area and started working the exposed bank. After digging the prerequisite 100 or so ring pulls (pull tabs), I got a "zinc penny" reading. I dug and was pleasantly surprised to recover a ring. It was a small, plain woman's wedding band. The ring had a dull color, but a teasing hint of gold showed forth on the inside, just enough to raise my hopes. However, "tarnish" is not a word we normally like to use when describing gold. Everyone knows, gold does not tarnish. Or does it?



Some years back I discovered, under certain circumstances, 10K gold will indeed tarnish. When I was down south I pulled a small ring out of a frog (alligator) pond which was the location of an old water park. At first I thought it was silver. It was marked "10K", but with a bit of polishing, the gold showed right on through. Based on the age of the water park and other finds, I suspected the ring had been submerged in the pond for 50 years. It appears I was dealing with a similar situation with this latest ring, but with an unusual twist. This latest ring was inscribed, "FP, 22 8 59" and stamped "333". One can reasonably assume the date corresponds to August 22, 1959. So, it is not unreasonable to suspect this ring had lain at the bottom of this "lake" for close to 50 years.

Everything else I recovered in the area (copper coins, pull tabs, bullet casings, etc.) was either corroded, or covered with a layer of conglomerate. The ring, which had been in the lake for 50 years, was clean, as one might expect from gold. But, the VDI was too high for this size ring to be gold.

The 333 stamp confused me. So, I got on the internet and googled, "rings marked 333". I discovered some interesting information. There are different standards for what is considered "gold jewelry", depending on which country you are in. In America, most of our gold rings are 10, 14 and 18 karat. Here, the Minimum Standard for what is considered gold jewelry is 10K. Across the big pond, Standards are a bit different. For instance, the Minimum Standard in the UK is 9K, and it seems 9K

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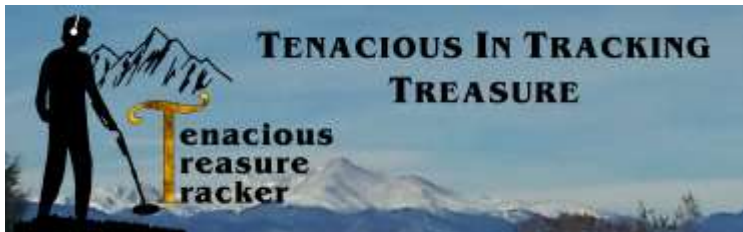
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rings are common in England. Of particular interest concerning this latest find, the Minimum Standard for gold jewelry in Germany since 1884 has been .333, or 8K. Several individuals reported the 8K gold rings they found did not look gold, but more of a copper color.

If my ring was .333 gold, that means it was .666 something else, probably copper, which would explain the abnormally high VDI reading and the tarnish. The date was inscribed in European style, "day, month, year", rather than "month, day, year" as us ignorant Americans do. All this tends to support the supposition my ring was of European origin, German in particular.



I hit the ring with some jewelry polish, and it now shines a beautiful gold color. The only gold tester available rated rings as to 10, 14 and 18 karat, so I did not know what it would say about my 8K ring. The tester indicated it was 10K. And, the ring tarnished where the acid was on it.



Hunt #8 started April 1, 2017. Go to [www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com](http://www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com) for clues to the hunt. Find the token and turn it in for a T-Shirt, Trophy and \$100.

## Who's New

Please welcome new Eureka! Member Tom Lenahan. He has already won at the monthly meeting drawings, as expected.



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# Eureka! Breakfast Club

Eureka! Breakfast Club meets the [First Friday](#) and the [Third Saturday](#) every month. [Everyone is invited!](#)

Contact Chris Davis 225 235-2642 if you are interested in meeting for breakfast and then going out metal detecting with other club members.



If you want to learn more about your detector or how to detect, or cement friendships, this is a great opportunity to tap into other member's experience or to get together for a fun outing.

**March 3, 2017**

Reports and photos by Chris Davis

Thirteen individuals turned out for the 3 March 2017 Breakfast Club. Karen B, Bill A, Jay R, Chuck H, Tom L, Mary and Randy S, Tom P, Terry H, Ken H, Vince and Marilyn D, and Chris D. The weather was perfect, and all the previous snow was gone. After breakfast and coffee, we all drove over to Cook Park in Denver to make a hunt. No digging tools are allowed on Denver Parks, so we left our trowels and Lesche tools in the vehicles. However, we quickly discovered someone had been there before us and left a couple grass plugs. We repaired as we could, but a complete plug removal may result in a dead grass patch. We scrupulously and carefully dug only with screwdrivers.



The DiPrimos gave us an excellent lesson on ring finding. They recovered three on the day. Vince found a great 14K gold men's wedding band. It came up with the same VDI as a nickel. Shortly thereafter, he picked up a copper ring. His wife, Marilyn, dug up



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a very nice tungsten men's wedding band. Everyone found a fair number of coins. I would call it a very successful hunt. Life is good.

March 18, 2017

We had a great turnout for the Saturday hunt. The weather was very good. Some 18 folks showed up. We definitely gave the Lookn' Good Restaurant some business. As usual, the food was excellent. It was decided to give the Sheridan High School a try for the hunt. This area provided a nice baseball and soccer field, and an adjacent park/play area. We did the school a favor by removing a significant quantity of bottle caps. It was not a bad hunt. Our group recovered some change and 4 rings. Three of the rings were cheap, but one nice silver was found. We did not find any gold, probably because the DiPrimos did not attend. Had there been any gold on the entire area, they would have found it. Still, all in all, it was a good outing.

### April 2017

7th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
7th - Newsletter Published  
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
15th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
23rd - Bunny Hunt & Potluck Noon  
28th - *Soundoff* Deadline

### June 2017

2nd - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
2nd - Newsletter Published  
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
11th - Club Hunt  
17th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
30th - *Soundoff* Deadline

### May 2017

5th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
5th - Newsletter Published  
10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
12th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
13th - NASCAR Hunt 1:00pm  
20th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
26th - *Soundoff* Deadline

### July 2017

7th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
7th - Newsletter Published  
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
15th - Breakfast Club 9:00am  
21st-23rd - Rush to the Rockies Hunt  
28th - *Soundoff* Deadline





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# RUSH TO THE ROCKIES

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## PICKLE GULCH GROUP CAMPGROUND – BLACK HAWK, COLORADO

\*\* All hunt fees go in the ground!\*\* Hunts will be held rain or shine \*\*

\*\* Held in natural forest setting that includes some uneven ground, rocks and downed limbs \*\*

\*\* Coin drawings and one-on-one competitions \*\* Early Bird drawing \*\* Early period attire welcome \*\*

### TWO DAYS, FIVE HUNTS, ONE PRICE - \$250.00

\*\*After 6/15/17 price is \$275.00. Walk-ons will be accommodated if space is available – Cash Only\*\*

**\*\* Limited to 85 entrants\*\***

#### FRIDAY, July 21, 2017

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Participants may arrive and set up camp. Registration Table Open

7:00 PM

Fireside Chat

#### SATURDAY, July 22, 2017

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration Table Open

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Casino Hunt** (coins, gaming tokens, prizes)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills Hunt** sponsored by Gold-N-Detectors (tokens for gold nuggets and prizes)

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Prizes

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch – catered by Brad's Pitt BBQ - \$12 adult, \$3 child – prepay with registration (you won't go hungry!)

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Guest Speaker (gold prospecting, demonstration)

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

**Silver Streak Hunt** (thousands of silver coins)\*

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Eureka! You Found It - Free Kids' Hunt** (12 and under)

7:00 PM

Fireside Chat

#### SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Wild Wild West Hunt** (a little bit of everything Wild West—older coins, silver coins, tokens, cowboys, Indians, Indian War relics, mining, railroad and prize tokens)

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Award Prizes

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker (Stealth Diggers Beardo and Just Bob)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Break – catered by Brad's Pitt BBQ - \$12 adult, \$3 child - prepay with registration (you won't go hungry!)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Hi-Ho Silver, Away! Hunt** (large silver and clad quarters, halves and dollars)

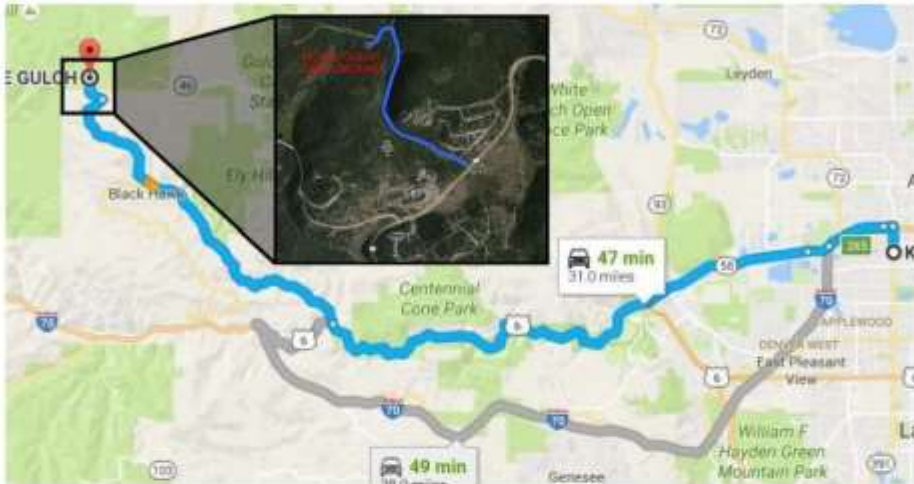
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### Directions to Pickle Gulch:

Take I-70 west from Denver to CO 58 toward Golden. Travel approx. 5 miles to Hwy 6. Continue west on Hwy 6 to CO-119 (approx. 11 miles). Continue straight on CO-119 for approx. 7.6 miles. (You will travel past the town of Black Hawk.) There will be a sign for Pickle Gulch on the right side of CO-119 at Missouri Gulch Road. Turn left at that sign onto Missouri Gulch Road. Follow the dirt road approximately .1 miles to Pickle Gulch campground. N 39° 50.5597' W 105° 31.4903'



### Accommodations

Pickle Gulch Campground has plenty of walk-in tent camping. The cost is \$15 per night per tent. There are no electrical or water hookups at this camp area. Very limited RV parking. Email EurekaRTTR to inquire about RV availability before registering. Other options are as follows:

#### **Off-Site Camping \*\* Spots fill very quickly – BOOK EARLY! \*\***

Base Camp at Golden Gate Canyon - <http://basecampco.com>

Cold Springs Campground -- <http://www.fa.usda.gov/recreation/arp/recreation/recreation?recid=28410>

Columbine Campground -- <http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/columbine-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSC&parkid=70776>

Denver West Central City KOA Holiday -- <http://koa.com/campgrounds/denver-west/>

Clear Creek RV Park, Golden <http://www.cityofgolden.net/nis/recreation-attractions/clear-creek-rv-park>

#### **Hotels & B&Bs**

Miners Pick B&B, Idaho Springs <http://www.theminerspick.com>

Columbine Inn, Idaho Springs <http://columbineinn.info>

Arapahoe Ranch Cabins, Nederland <http://arapahoranchcabins.com>

Isle Casino Hotel, Black Hawk - <http://black-hawk.isleofcaprice@nco.com>

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa, Black Hawk -- <http://www.ameristar.com/black-hawk/>

The Lodge Casino, Black Hawk <http://thelodgecasino.com>

Century Casino, Central City <http://central-city.cnty.com/home>

Reserve Casino Hotel, Central City <http://reservecasinohotel.com>

Chase Creek B&B, Black Hawk <http://www.chasecreekinn.com>

Central City B&Bs <http://www.centralcitycolorado.com/casino-hotels.php>



# RUSH TO THE ROCKIES

## NATIONAL OPEN METAL DETECTING EVENT



JULY 21 – 23, 2017

### ENTRY FORM

Paid Hunters:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children participating in kids Hunt: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPING FEES:** On site tent camping (no hookups) is available (Friday through Sunday nights). \$15 per night per tent pad site.

**REGISTER EARLY:** Entries received before May 15, 2017 will receive an entry into the early bird drawing for a 1 oz., 1959 Graded MS64, Rush to the Rockies silver so-called dollar (1 of 10,000 made) to be given away during the weekend. The cost of the event for entries received after June 15, 2017 or for walk-ons (if space permits) will be \$275. Walk-ons require cash payment.

**REFUNDS:** Refunds will be made before June 15, 2017, minus a \$50 processing fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15, 2017.**

By my signature below, I relieve the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc., club officers and members, and all landowners of the responsibility for any and all claims, accidents, and/or injuries that may occur while participating in the Rush to the Rockies National Open Metal Detecting Event. I also agree that I have read the Rush to the Rockies Hunt Rules, agree to abide by all rules, and understand that the decisions of the Hunt Master are final.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Each paid participant must sign a release)

Hunt Fees: _____ hunters x \$250 (\$275 after 6/15/17)	\$ _____
Camping Fees: nights: (\$15 per tent per night)	
# of tent sites: _____ Fri: _____ Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$15	\$ _____
RV sites (very limited) Fri: _____ Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$20	\$ _____
No. of adult lunches: Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$12	\$ _____
No. of child lunches (hot dog, chips & drink): Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$3	\$ _____
Rush to the Rockies T-Shirt - (mark # of shirts per size)	
Sm _____ Med _____ Lrg _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ x \$16	\$ _____
<b>**Fees accepted in cash or check payable to Eureka THC**</b>	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	\$ _____

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### RUSH TO THE ROCKIES HUNT RULES

- 1. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT:** This hunt is meant to be an enjoyable experience for all who come, whether they are entrants or spectators. Let us all work together to have a FUN and SAFE time so that we may keep returning in future years to repeat the experience.
- 2. CARPOOL OR WALK!** Because parking at the hunt site is extremely limited, carpooling will be necessary from the campground to the day use picnic area. Only automobiles with four or more occupants will be allowed to proceed to the upper parking lot.
- 3. HUNT BADGES** must be worn at all times in the hunt fields. Hunt fields are only open to paid hunters with badges and hunt officials during scheduled hunts and are off limits to all individuals without badges. Observers must remain outside the perimeter of the hunt field at all times. Detecting will not be permitted in any hunt field after the conclusion of any hunts.
- 4. HEADPHONES AND TRASH POUCHES ARE REQUIRED and must be used.**
- 5. ALLOWED:** Detectors, screwdrivers/probes, and pin pointers. This is Forest Service land. Targets will not be deep and will not require anything more than these few items.
- 6. NOT ALLOWED:** "Hunt Baskets" (sifters commonly used on beaches) are not allowed, nor are "hand rakes" (three tine claw like tools), hand shovels, picks, long handled shovels, or hoes, as their use spreads the soil and makes it nearly impossible to fill the holes properly. No plugging tools or foot driven tools or shovels will be allowed during or after the hunts.
- 7. CHEATING** of any sort will be grounds for immediate disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (NO REFUNDS).
- 8. ALL HOLES** must be properly filled. Failure to do so will result in ONE and only one warning with any repeated offense resulting in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (NO REFUNDS).
- 9. BEHAVIOR** that is discourteous or aggressive towards others will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (NO REFUNDS).
- 10. DISREGARD FOR SAFETY** or unsafe conduct toward others, including tossing limbs or rocks in the direction of other hunters or their equipment, will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (NO REFUNDS).
- 11. RECKLESSLY SWINGING** probes or coils about will not be tolerated; keep them in their safe area of operation. When holding coils in the air prior to the start of a hunt, keep them directly in front of you and lower them down directly in front of you when the hunt starts.
- 12. NO LITTERING.** Pick up the trash you encounter. This policy extends to the camp sites; carry ALL your trash to the dumpster and properly dispose of it. Help keep all the camp sites clean. Remember, we will be returning to this site in the future.
- 13. PETS.** Per campground rules, pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area. If you are camping, they may stay at your camp site but must be on a leash at all times when out. We highly discourage pets being left in the car. If you are coming up for the day, please consider leaving your pet at home.
- 13. SMOKING AND USE OF ALCOHOL.** Smoking is not permitted in the Day Use Area. You may smoke in your car, in the parking lot or at your tent site. This is subject to change based on fire danger at the time. Drunkenness will NOT be tolerated and can result in you being asked to leave the area. Moderation in your own camp is your responsibility as is being sober in the public areas and on the roads.
- 13. REFUNDS** will be made before June 15, 2017, minus a \$50 handling fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15, 2017.**

*That's all this month - Happy Easter - find something good!*